National Highways in North East

2441. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of roads in the North Eastern States declared as National Highways;

(b) the programmes for maintenance and development of each of the National Highways alongwith the financial allocation during 2000-01,2001 - 02 and 2002-03 year-wise;

(c) the specific programme and allocation of the funds for the National Highways 39, 53 and 150 during the aforesaid financial years; and

(d) the special effort and consideration being given for the National Highways in these extreme border States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) 27 roads in the North Eastern States have been declared as National Highways.

(b) Maintenance and development of National Highways is a continous process. Funds are allocated State-wise and not National Highway-wise. Year-wise funds allocated during 2000-2003 for the North Eastern States are as under:—

(Rs. Crore)

Category	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003
Development	226.65	308.29	308.82
Maintenance	88.75	105.14	122.46

(c) Following works have been sanctioned for development of NH 39,53 and 150 during 2000-2003.

NHNo,	No. of work sanctioned	Sanctioned Amount (Rs. in Crore)
39	38	50.56
53	36	48.44
150	24	35.99

(d) A minimum budget equal to 10% of total budget for the development of National Highways in the country is being earmarked for the North Eastern States.

Roads/NHs in States

2442. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of roads/highways built by his Ministry, State-wise, from the 1 st April, 1999 to 15th February, 2003; and

(b) the proposal for construction of roads/ highways in Jammu and Kashmir during the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) State-wise details of National Highways declared from 1.4.1999 to 15.2.2003 are annexed as statement (see below).

(b) Presently there is a ban on declaration of new National Highways due to fund constraints. The Government may, however consider conversion of very limited lengths of a few State Highway into National Highways during the course of the 10th Five Year Plan, keeping in view the traffic needs, inter-se priority and availability of funds, after the ban is lifted.

Statement

State-wise length of National Highways declared from 1.04.1999 to 15.02.2003

SI. No.	States	Length (Km)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	398
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	40
3.	Assam	184
4.	Bihar	1323
5.	Chhattisgarh	278
6.	Gujarat	220
7.	Himachal Pradesh	115
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	85